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Byron,

During a hearing before Nebraska's Senate Judiciary Committee on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, a John Deere employee, Grant Suhre, discussed an EPA audit being conducted that he called a "Degradation Factor Audit." I presume the audit has since been completed. Can you share the results of that audit with me?

Additionally, he stated during his testimony that, "And if we don't comply with their requirements, they can, up to and including stop us from building engines. So, the-- the motto nothing runs like a Deere becomes a bit of a moot point if there's no engine." Please be so kind and direct me to what federal regulations EPA would use to prevent John Deere from manufacturing engines if there was a less than satisfactory "Degradation Factor Audit."

I have attached the official transcript for the hearing. Mr. Suhre's testimony starts on page 50 and continues to the end of page 55. [Here](#) is the link to the video stored on YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PLeUmSSg4HisTwLvWpC8A9E5EOkfsVfRXD>.

Thank you.

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"All great truths begin as blasphemies."

— George Bernard Shaw, Annajanska the Bolshevik Empress